

Amendment to the Specification:

Amend the first paragraph on page 12, as follows:

The preparation of the crystalline Form I of cetirizine dihydrochloride is described in co-pending and co-assigned Indian Patent Application No. 425/MAS/2002 and International Application No. PCT/US03/17672, where cetirizine (10.0 grams) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (100 ml) at a temperature of 25-35° and stirred for 10-15 minutes, and isopropanolic hydrochloric acid (20 ml) was added until the pH of the reaction mass became 2.0. The reaction mass was stirred for 1-2 hours to separate the solid. The separated solid was filtered, washed with ethyl acetate (20 ml), followed by hexane (10 ml) and on subsequent drying at a temperature of 80-100° to a constant weight resulted in the novel crystalline Form-I of cetirizine hydrochloride (Weight: 10.2 grams) ~~both of which are incorporated by reference both for the specific reason described and for entirety of disclosure.~~